

Today's News - June 17, 2005

The cleanest and dirtiest U.S. cities - problems/solutions included (will this bode a bigger boom in Portland, OR, and an exodus from Chicago? Unlikely.). -- San Francisco (#5) has lots of innovation and "green" initiatives, but unchecked sprawl. -- Houston (#41) dealing with Texan-style sprawl. -- "Disneyesque" alleys are becoming the cat's meow in Arizona, but not without critics of New Urbanism. -- In Canada, code certification raises hackles of architects and engineers. -- The race to be the tallest. -- Hadid brings BMW "bling" to Leipzig; Mercedes Benz sees stars, too. -- A winning, "elegant, shimmering glass box" may sparkle on Boston Harbor's greenway. -- Two deadlines loom. -- Exploring a new look (and more leg room?) for NYC taxis.

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[The 50 Cleanest \(and Dirtiest\) Cities in America: ...a city \[that\] comes in first or last in a given category does not necessarily mean it's perfectly pristine or dangerously filthy. \[links\]](#)- Reader's Digest

[Urban centers slow to turn green: Putting housing where people work, play is challenge...the Bay Area is a storehouse filled with smart innovations. But the larger picture shows something else: a region that is sprawling with no end in sight. By John King](#)- San Francisco Chronicle

[As Houston adds sprawl, the consequences multiply: Transportation, conservation and housing among issues of concern](#)- Houston Chronicle

[New Valley alleys are the cat's meow: ...alleys are making a comeback in Arizona. But these back-lot lanes look more Disneyesque than wastelands of debris, trash bins and graffiti...part of a design movement called New Urbanism...But New Urbanism has its critics.](#)- Arizona Republic

[Engineers, architects expect compromise: ...certification process, which requires an architect to pass an exam that shows knowledge of the building code, was an insult to professionalism...](#)- Globe and Mail (Canada)

[Tall buildings challenge stirs rivalry from East to West: A fresh approach to the design of tall buildings is suggested by the research project being carried out at the University of Nottingham by Antony Wood in association with Kohn Pedersen Fox -- Libeskind; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; Piano; Foster](#)- Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB - UK)

[Talking about a rev-olution: Zaha Hadid has brought romance to German car production...BMW factory in Leipzig...sure packs a punch...Luxury-car manufacturers, as much as opera companies and department stores, have long understood architecture's role as a provider of bling -- Coop Himmelblau; UN Studio](#)- The Times (UK)

[Harbor Park Pavilion Design Competition Winners -- Stephen Yablon Architect; Stern/McCafferty; Bradley Shanks \[images\]](#)- Boston Harbor Islands Partnership

[Call for Entries: P/A Awards: open to architects and other design professionals practicing in the U.S., Canada, or Mexico; deadline: August 26 \[PDF\]](#)- Architecture Magazine

[Call for Entries: Home of the Year Awards: open to architects and other design professionals practicing in the United States, Canada, or Mexico for projects completed only in those countries; deadline: July 15 \[PDF\]](#)- Architecture Magazine

[All ideas are fare at "Designing the Taxi" workshop -- Design Trust for Public Space; Parsons; Birsel & Seck; Pentagram; Antenna Design](#)- NY Newsday

[June '05 Build Business: Presentations Wanted: Alive, Not Dead. By Carol Doscher](#)

[Exhibition: Jean Nouvel: "Louisiana Manifesto," Louisiana Museum, Humlebaek, Denmark](#)

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